

New law establishes the Garyville Timberrmill Museum as a facility in St. John the Baptist Parish and as an entity within the Dept. of State. Provides for governance of the museum by a board comprised of members who have a knowledge of and an interest in timber and timber production appointed as follows:

- (1) Five members appointed by the secretary of state, subject to Senate confirmation, to serve terms concurrent with the appointing authority.
- (2) Four members appointed by the board of directors of the Garyville Timberrmill Museum Foundation to serve four-year terms.

Provides that members shall serve without compensation. Requires that the board:

- (1) Meet at least once a quarter at the call of the chairman.
- (2) Create an executive committee consisting of the chairman and vice chairman of the board and other board members. Provides relative to the executive committee as follows:
  - (a) A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum, but approval of a majority of the full committee shall be required to take any action authorized by the board.
  - (b) The committee shall meet at the call of the board chairman.
  - (c) The committee shall consider any matter or take any action as directed by the board or as necessitated by emergency. Requires ratification by the board of any action taken by the committee which was not specifically authorized by the board.
- (3) Adopt bylaws and establish policies and procedures for the museum's governance including matters relative to: officers, advisors, the museum

the Dept. of State any administrative costs associated with placing the museum within the department.

Authorizes the department and the board to solicit and accept funds and other property for the museum either as loans or donations and provides with respect thereto. Authorizes the museum to serve as the beneficiary of any public trust created for such purpose. Grants the board authority of deaccession with respect to any collection of the museum and in case of such deaccessions exempts the board from existing law relative to sale or disposal of surplus property. Requires board policies and procedures to carry out such authority.

Provides relative to unclaimed property loaned to or otherwise left with the museum. Provides that such property shall become property of the museum after 10 years and after notice according to specified procedures. Provides relative to loans of museum property. Provides that museum collections shall be available for use in educational projects subject to board approval.

Provides that the secretary of state shall have authority to approve specified personnel actions of the board and shall be responsible for and shall have the authority to transfer or implement functions relating to accounting, payroll, budget control, procurement, data processing, and personnel management. Provides that new law shall not authorize monies, property, or personnel budgeted or assigned to the board to be transferred to the department without approval of the board.

Provides that books, papers, monies, and property of the museum and its board are transferred to the Dept. of State, but shall be owned, possessed, controlled, and used by the museum and the board. Prohibits removal of records, books, or papers from the museum vault or museum premises without unanimous approval of the entire board.

Provides that any employees are transferred to the department and are otherwise subject to new law. Protects any existing museum obligations.

Provides that no action shall be taken pursuant to new law until all debts and obligations which are secured by or encumber the property to be transferred